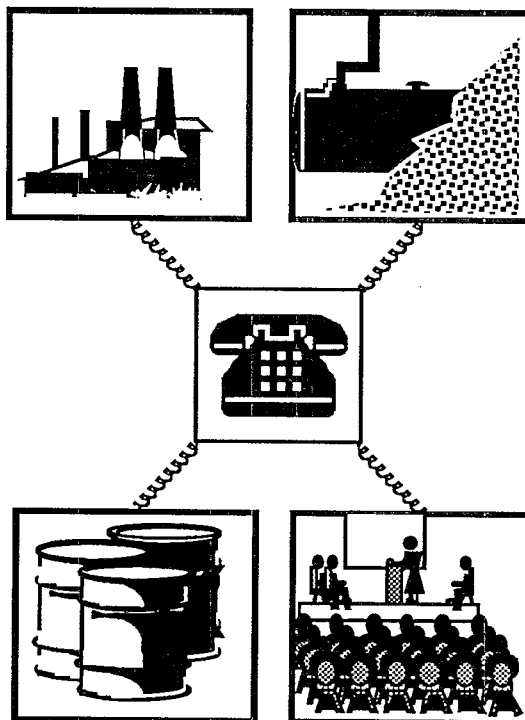


# **EPA RCRA/UST, SUPERFUND, & EPCRA HOTLINE**



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## Our Purpose

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The RCRA/UST, Superfund, and EPCRA Hotline is a publicly-accessible service that provides up-to-date information on several Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs. The Hotline responds to factual questions on federal EPA regulations developed under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), which includes the Underground Storage Tank (UST) program; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund); the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); and on certain related EPA regulations. The Hotline also responds to requests for relevant documents.

## Using the Hotline

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Anyone can call the Hotline -- we offer information to a broad audience including consultants, manufacturers, members of trade associations and environmental organizations, lawyers, health professionals, state and local government representatives, citizens, and other callers with diverse backgrounds and varying degrees of regulatory knowledge. Our automated message system expedites service by supplying information on hot regulatory topics and by directing each caller to the appropriate Hotline program area at the touch of a button. Callers seeking regulatory information can speak to a Hotline staff member who specializes in the RCRA/UST or the EPCRA/Superfund programs. Those seeking to order EPA publications pertaining to any of the Hotline's four program areas can speak to a Document Specialist.

## Regulations

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The Hotline's team of Information Specialists relies on federal regulations and various forms of EPA guidance to provide quick, accurate responses to questions on the following regulatory programs:

### ▷ RCRA/Underground Storage Tanks

Under the authority of RCRA, a 1976 law which amended the Solid Waste Disposal Act, EPA has created a complex regulatory framework addressing solid waste disposal and hazardous waste management. Questions on RCRA regulations often concern:

- federal procurement of products that contain recycled material
- hazardous waste generators and transporters
- land disposal restrictions (LDR)
- municipal solid waste landfill criteria
- solid and hazardous waste recycling
- treatment, storage, and disposal facilities
- waste minimization and hazardous waste combustion

The Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984 broadened the scope of RCRA, authorizing EPA to regulate underground storage tanks containing petroleum products and hazardous substances. The resulting UST program includes provisions governing:

- corrective action
- financial responsibility
- release detection
- tank installation and closure

### ▷ Superfund

The 1980 enactment of CERCLA initiated the Superfund program, allowing EPA to identify and clean up abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites and to recover costs from

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parties responsible for the contamination. The Superfund program generates questions on topics such as:

- applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs)
- the National Contingency Plan (NCP)
- the National Priorities List (NPL)
- radiation site cleanup regulations
- reportable quantities for hazardous substances

### ▷ EPCRA

In November of 1986, Congress enacted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), also known as SARA Title III, to help communities prepare for chemical emergencies and to grant citizens and government officials access to information about potential chemical hazards. Topics commonly addressed include:

- emergency planning
- hazardous chemical inventory reporting
- public access to chemical information
- toxic chemical release reporting and the Form R
- the toxic release inventory (TRI) database

EPCRA Information Specialists also answer questions on the Accidental Release Prevention Provisions of the Clean Air Act §112(r), including Risk Management Plans (RMPs).

## Documents

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The Hotline maintains up-to-date information on the availability and distribution of documents that pertain to Hotline program areas. The Hotline's document line identifies several commonly-requested documents that callers may order by leaving a message. For all other publications, callers can speak to a Document Specialist, who will either take the caller's request or provide a referral to the proper distributor.

## Referrals

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RCRA/UST, Superfund, and EPCRA Information Specialists work hard to answer every question received, accessing a vast array of resources. Some questions, however, are not within the scope of the Hotline's services. Information Specialists cannot answer questions which require interpretation of EPA regulations or policies, demand legal analysis, involve unresolved issues, or pertain to state-specific requirements. We refer such questions to the appropriate EPA office, federal or state agency, or other source.

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